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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2018-0023]

### Qualification and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Regulatory guide; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Revision 4 to Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.8, "Qualification and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants." This RG describes methods acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with those portions of the Commission's regulations associated with the selection, qualifications, and training for nuclear power plant personnel. Revision 4 updates the RG with additional experience gained since Revision 3 was issued in 2000 by endorsing American National Standards Institute/American Nuclear Society (ANSI/ANS)-3.1-2014, "Selection, Qualification, and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants," with exceptions and clarifications.

**DATES:** Revision 4 to RG 1.8 is available on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Discussion**

The NRC is issuing a revision to an existing guide in the NRC's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public

information regarding methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency's regulations, techniques that the NRC staff uses in evaluating specific issues or postulated events, and data that the NRC staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 4 of RG 1.8 was issued with a temporary identification of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-1329. This revision updates the RG with additional experience gained through inspections since Revision 3 was issued in 2000. It endorses American National Standards Institute/American Nuclear Society (ANSI/ANS)-3.1-2014, "Selection, Qualification, and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants," with certain exceptions and clarifications that are listed in the Staff Regulatory Guidance section of the RG.

## **II. Additional Information**

The NRC published a notice of the availability of DG-1329 in the *Federal Register* on February 12, 2018 (83 FR 6053), for a 60-day public comment period. The public comment period closed on April 13, 2018. Public comments on DG-1329 and the staff responses to the public comments are available under ADAMS Accession No. ML19101A396.

## **III. Congressional Review Act**

This RG is a rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801-808). However, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget has not found it to be a major rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act.

## **IV. Backfitting and Issue Finality**

This RG describes methods acceptable to the staff of the NRC for complying with those portions of the Commission's regulations associated with the selection, qualifications, and training for nuclear power plant personnel. Issuance of this RG does

not constitute backfitting as defined in section 50.109 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) (the Backfit Rule) and would not otherwise be inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52. As discussed in the “Implementation” section of the RG, the NRC has no intention to impose this RG on holders of operating licenses or combined licenses.

This RG may be applied to applications for operating licenses, combined licenses, early site permits, and certified design rules docketed by the NRC as of the date of issuance of the RG, as well as future applications submitted after the issuance of the RG. Such action would not constitute backfitting as defined in the Backfit Rule or otherwise be inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52, inasmuch as such applicants or potential applicants are not within the scope of entities protected by the Backfit Rule or the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52.

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